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ROAD TAX IN CHANDIGARH
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total length of roads presently under the charge of Chandigarh UT Administration and the Chandigarh Municipal Corporation respectively;

(b) the total amount of road tax collected in Chandigarh during each of the last three years;

(c) whether any portion of the same has been allotted to the Municipal Corporation;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT(SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a): As informed by the Chandigarh Administration, the total length of roads (single lane width) presently under their charge is as under:-

i) Length of city roads - 355.87 km.
ii) Length of rural/link roads - 78.51 km.
iii) Length of NH 21 passing Through Chandigarh - 77.00 km.

TOTAL : 511.38 km.

The total length of roads with the Municipal Corporation of Chandigarh is 1536 km in single lane 12`- 0` width.

(b): The total amount of Road Tax Collection in Chandigarh during the each of the last three years - 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04 are Rs.1339.26 lakhs, Rs.1231.99 lakhs and Rs.1558.08 lakhs, respectively.

(c)to(e): No share of the road tax collected is paid directly to the Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh, as the revenue receipts are deposited in the Consolidated Fund of India. However, the Chandigarh Municipal Corporation has been released the following amount as per recommendations of the Delhi Finance Commission.

As per recommendations of the First Delhi Finance Commission the grant-in-aid (non-Plan) to the Chandigarh Municipal Corporation by the Chandigarh Administration should be 20% of the gross tax collection in 1998-99 reducing 2.5% each year up to 2000-2001. The actual position indicating the year-wise grant-in-aid (Non-Plan) released to the Chandigarh Municipal Corporation is as under:-

Year	Tax Revenue (Rs.in Crores)	Recommended %age	Non-Plan Grant (Rs.in crores)	Actual %age
1998-99	238.98	20.0	48.00	20.08
1999-00	262.45	17.5	48.00	18.28
2000-01	340.00	15.0	45.00	13.23

2001-02	376.70	12.5	50.00	13.27
2002-03	409.89	10.0	52.90	12.90
2003-04	458.47	7.5	72.29	15.76

2nd Delhi Finance Commission received by the Chandigarh Administration in August 2002 has recommended 17% of tax revenue of chandigarh Administration be transferred to Chandigarh Municipal Corporation as grant-in-aid in respect of each of the five year of the award period viz. 2001-2005. The recommendations are yet to be approved by the Ministry of Home Affairs.